

Town of Brooklyn

Meeting Notes from Regular Town Meeting, August 8, 2006

Meeting held at Town Hall, 1st National Bank Building

First item of note is that Linda DeNell, the new Librarian at Caestecker Library was present to introduce herself and report on happenings at the Library in July and August. She proposed that the annual joint budget meeting between the City, Town and Library be held on Monday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m. This was agreed to. The meeting will take place at the library, is open to the public, and will be the first discussion about the 2007 budget.

Building Inspector, Jerry Buhrow reported 7 permits this month, 3 for new homes. This makes 12 new homes for the year. Also falling into the building permit areas was an appearance by Jerry Thiele. He appeals a fine he was given for beginning to build a house without the proper permits being issued before building started. The Building Inspector was not notified that the building was scheduled to begin. Discussion about plans being changed by contractors, no notice given to the inspector, who was gone for the weekend. He did not begin to look at the paper work and calculate the numbers until Monday. No work should have been started until a signed permit was in the contractors hands. The foundation was dug on Tuesday. No permit had been issued. Decision of the Board to stand by the ordinance that requires permit in hand before work begins. Fine is triple, and stands.

Fire Commission, Orlo Bierman reported that the Firemen and First Responders are also working on the 2007 budget numbers. Their joint meeting with the City and Town is scheduled for Aug. 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Firehouse. On August 31 they are meeting with representatives of Bensenville, Il to look at the possibilities of grant money for obtaining fire equipment. Meeting will be held at the firehouse. Residents may attend.

Plan Commission, Ron Benson reported that the Plan Commission had met recently and is continuing to look at ag zoning and how it relates to the different classes of ag land in the Town. This is part of the 3 year review for our Comprehensive plan, and if it is keeping pace with the needs of the Town. The Commission also is working with Bert to establish a fee schedule for zoning matters that come for review that will cover the costs to the town for use of a lawyer, or planning consultant (Omni). The resolution would set fees for certain items, such as review of a concept plan, preliminary plat, final plat review, etc. The Board looked at the proposal. It was noted that the reference to Condominium Development should be removed, as condos are a form of ownership, not a special zoning class. The resolution will move forward with the changes noted. (see handout). An approval was granted for a CSM for a parcel at W2082 Princeton Rd., (Patricia Spencer Workowski). This was approved.

Town Hall & Land Acquisition Committee, Sydney Rouse reported that the Committee will be meeting with Ron Peabody to look over the plans he is drawing up. If the plans are approved a motion will be presented to the electors to approve purchase of land. A sample document was discussed that would authorize the town to call a special meeting of the electors to authorize the town to purchase land, construct a town hall, and to borrow money for the project. This meeting is scheduled for August 31, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The meeting date & time will be publicized in the paper, and posted as well.

Chairperson Report, Mike Wuest reported on the following items: Feasibility Study now being worked on by Foth & VanDyke for District #8 of Sanitary District. Study is almost complete, information will be sent to

the Chairman, then a letter of decision will be sent to the Town residents of District #8, and a copy will be at the Town Hall for residents to look at.

After many complaints about people speeding along the Inlet area, and in Sunnyside, the Town looked at the possibility of additional patrolling by the Sheriff's Dept. They are short-handed and cannot keep officers in the area watching for speeders. Some numbers came back on what it would cost to hire a part-time patrol and the paperwork that would be generated by this type of arrangement. Bottom line is that it would cost the Town \$20,000 + to have a 20 hour per week patrol, in wages, squad car maintenance, insurance and fuel annually. This would not even cover the paperwork generated and the cost to work with a circuit court in administering the fines and enforcement. This is not an arrangement the Town wants to enter into at this time.

Road Update – Townline Road is complete. We accepted a bid of \$23,972 for slurry seal work to be done on 4 ½ miles of Town Roads. These would be Irving Park, Old Oak Lane, Bay Road, and Peacock Lane. Also will be removing and replacing 4 culverts on Bay Road that are broken or plugged. This will cost \$1,200. Approval given to both projects.

Bloch's Green House has applied for a Class B Liquor License. This will allow consumption of, and sale of beer, wine and liquor at their premises. Bloch's request comes because they are beginning to host weddings, and other larger events on their grounds. The request was approved.

New Town Hall hours will begin Wednesday, August 16. Regular office hours will be Monday and Wednesday from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. each week. Effective August 21, 2006.

A Special Meeting of the Town Electors will be held on August 31, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The purpose will be to receive information about the purchase of land, construction of a Town Hall, and the authorization to borrow money for the same.

Next regular meeting of the Town of Brooklyn will be held Thursday, Sept. 14, at 7:00 p.m.

- Recording, Susan McConnell 8/18/2006